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Miss Mattie E. Bowen is quite ill at her home, 961 Florida Avenue, N. W.

Mrs. Parks, of Fifteenth and You streets, entertained for Mr. and Mrs. Bert Williams last Friday, with a luncheon.

Mr. Wm. H. Lewis, Assistant Attorney General, spent last Sunday in Wilmington, Del., guest of Dr. and Mrs. Elbert.

The funeral of the late Mr. Buckner, of 1925 13th street, who died last week, took place Saturday afternoon last.

Mrs. Robert H. Terrell has returned from the East, having delivered addresses before the students of Radcliffe College and Boston Latin School, while in the old Bay State.

Miss Tessie Lee entertained last Saturday for Mrs. Bert Williams.

Mrs. Ralph W. Tyler entertained her card club last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Henry C. Tyson entertained with a stag dinner last Saturday evening, at his home in K street.

A movement is afoot to give a banquet in honor of Prof. Geo. W. Cook, of Howard University, in the near future.

Prof. Brawley entertained the Short Story Club last Monday evening.

Mr. James W. Johnson, American Consul at Corinto, was in the city for a couple of days last week on official business. He sails for his post in the next ten days.

Miss Mattie E. Brown is seriously ill at her home in Florida Avenue Northwest.

Dr. James E. Shepard passed through the city en route North Wednesday morning.

Bishop Alexander Walters left the city for New York Monday evening. He has been in the city for several days.

Dr. J. W. Morse is about tired of "deer" hunting, and has decided to offer his best cream and soda to the public at surprising prices. He wears a smile that will not come off.

Miss Gladys Harvey, who has been ill with pneumonia, under the professional care of Dr. John R. Francis, is out of danger and will no doubt be able to be out shortly.

Don't fail to attend the greatest musical event of the season, Friday evening, March 22, at 8 P. M., at the Howard Theater. The Washington Conservatory Choral Society, directed by Mr. Harry A. Williams.

Mrs. J. C. Napier entertained at her beautiful home last Wednesday afternoon from 2 until 5 P. M.

Mrs. Dollie Baldwin, who has been indisposed for the last week, is out again.

Miss Goneria B. Maxfield spent Thursday in Baltimore, the guest of friends.

Miss Jessie C. Mason, of The Bee staff, who has been sick, is out again.

The Bee is the people's paper. Why don't you have it sent to your home?

Attorney Robert L. Waring, of the local bar, and author of "As We See It," was married last week to a very accomplished lady. They left the city on a bridal tour. When last heard from they were in Pittsburgh, Pa.

John Grim, of this city, is visiting Miss Elizabeth Mason, in Boston, Mass.

Rev. J. H. Burks has returned to Roanoke, Va., after a pleasant stay in this city.

Miss Mary Worth, of this city, is visiting friends in New York City.

W. Calvin Chase, Jr., and Maurice Thomas, visited Baltimore Monday last.

Many Washingtonians attended the show, "My Friend from Dixie," in Baltimore, this week.

Miss Jeanette Varnes, of this city, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCord during her stay in Germantown, Pa.

Misses Irene Clements, Lucy Smith, Ida and Grace Birch, of this city, were bridesmaids at the Birch-Tail wedding on February 22, in Pocomoke City, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Isaac Brown, of Manchester, Va., spent a few days of their honeymoon in this city last week, visiting relatives.

Seasons may come and seasons may change, but the crowds go on forever at the two drug stores of Board & McGuire, 1912 1/2 14th St. and 9th and You Sts. N. W. Two places Miss Alice Sampson, of Baltimore, Md., is the guest of Mrs. Easley, on Georgia Avenue Northwest.

Miss Alice Terry, of Roanoke, Va., is visiting friends in Vermont Ave.

Mr. Thurman Curtis, of Chicago, Ill., has come to this city to reside here.

Mr. J. Albert Williams, of Savannah, Ga., who has been employed in the Census Office, this city, is now connected with one of our leading

photographers.

Mrs. Fluchlen, of this city, is visiting friends in Atlanta, Ga. On Thursday, the 20th, Miss Caldwell entertained in honor of her.

Mr. C. M. Hunt, of Georgetown, Ky., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Johnson.

Mrs. Crawford, of Vineland, N. J., is the guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis, of Twelfth street Northwest.

The Poinsetta Club gave a matinee dance in the main auditorium of True Reformers' Hall on Saturday last, for the benefit of the shoe fund. The affair was well patronized.

Miss Helen Fath has returned to her home in Gas City, Ind., after a very enjoyable visit of several months in this city with friends.

Mrs. Young, wife of Major Young, of Denver, Col., who is visiting friends in Indianapolis, Ind., plans a visit to this city shortly.

Dr. R. E. Jones, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, visited friends in this city last week.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs spent a few days in Philadelphia last week.

Miss Phoebe Henderson, who spent two weeks in this city, has returned to Philadelphia, after a delightful trip.

They met at Dr. Morse's Gem Drug Store and saw themselves in front of that beautiful fountain, 19th and L streets Northwest.

Recorder Henry Lincoln Johnson delivered the goods, and his enemies say as much. He is a man and no cringer.

If the Recorder had lost when he went to Georgia they would have said "I told you so." But he won, and now they say he is no leader. Bosh. Here is the congratulations of The Bee and the people, Colonel.

Have you secured tickets for the great musical event at the Howard Theater March 22, given by the Washington Conservatory Choral Society? Miss Theresa Lee will direct the dancing.

Mrs. Wm. L. Smith, of New York City, who is visiting Mrs. Mayme Shalton, of 1521 M Street, spent the week-end with Mrs. Norah Duguid and sister, Mrs. Almaria Hawkins, of Newburgh, N. Y. Mrs. Smith was highly entertained during her three days' visit. Saturday evening she was guest at a whist party.

Mrs. Board and McGuire, 14th St. N. W., and 9th and You Streets N. W., continue to treat their patrons in a manner that continues to draw them.

The New Ebbitt Walters will give their Second Grand Ball at True Reformers' Hall next Tuesday evening. Music will be furnished by the Amsterdam Orchestra. Admission 25 cents.

Spend an evening with the Operas, at the Howard Theater, and listen to solos, duets, sextettes and choruses, varied by an artistic dance given by the Washington Conservatory Choral Society, directed by Mr. Harry A. Williams, the eminent teacher and artist.

Next Tuesday at Bethel Literary.

Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cook, of Howard University, will be the principal speaker at the meeting of Bethel Literary and Historical Association on next Tuesday night, the 12th inst. Her subject will be "The Conservation of the Child."

FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS.

The latest evidence of the material and social advancement of the people of this community is the new Odd Fellows' Lodge of the G. U. O. of O. F. in America, recently set apart under most auspicious and fraternal circumstances. This lodge, brought about largely through the ceaseless efforts of Architect W. Sidney Pittman, ably assisted by W. S. Crouse and others, is the first lodge of this community, and as such was most royally welcomed into the fold of Odd Fellowship with unusual ceremony. Associate Justice W. L. Houston, one of the few idols of the half million members of the brotherhood, acted as master of ceremonies, and with him came one hundred other guests. A sumptuous collation was served, and great was the merry-making over the thirty-two members of the new Home Builders' Lodge, No. 8928, of Fairmount Heights, Md.

All the people of Baptist inclination, and their friends, of Fairmount Heights and surrounding neighborhood, are uniting, for the purpose of building a place of worship, to be known as the First Baptist Church. A grand rally is now on at the Public Hall every Sunday at 3 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Wm. J. Howard, of the Zion Baptist Church, will preach next Sunday, March 10, and Rev. Dr. J. Milton Waldron will follow on Sunday, March 17. All are invited to come out and help in the good work. The newly elected trustees to assist the pastor, Rev. Blackwell, are Messrs. B. S. Carter, W. S. Crouse and W. Sidney Pittman.

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On Easter Monday next, the newly instituted Odd Fellows' Lodge will give its first grand entertainment. On this evening it is expected that the acting grand master, the Hon. Henry Lincoln Johnson, will deliver one of his masterful addresses. Tickets are now out, and it is planned to make this the grandest affair ever held in this community. The Wilberforce Orchestra has been engaged, and our ladies will serve choice refreshments.

The Executive Committee of the Fairmount Heights Citizens' Association held a very important meeting in the lecture room of the M. E. Church Wednesday night, February 28. The committee outlined the work which the association hopes to accomplish during this year in addition to improvements already ordered. Much depends upon the energy and executive ability of the chairman of the executive committee.

The public school house is nearly completed. The teachers, Miss J. Wilkes and Miss Erna Welch, have been called to Bowie by the school commission, which holds its sessions March 7 and 8. The school here will be nicely represented.

Rev. Dr. I. N. Ross, pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, of Washington, D. C., delivered an appropriate and highly instructive sermon at the Fairmount Heights M. E. Church Sunday, March 2. His coming to Fairmount Heights was in answer to a "Macedonian Call," and a universal demand on the part of all the citizens of the community, irrespective of denomination, and the special invitation of Rev. W. H. Howard, the pastor of the M. E. Church here.

Dr. J. N. Ross took his text: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." When the Rev. Doctor had finished his discourse the young, as well as the aged, expressed their feeling by exclaiming: "Indeed he is endowed by the Lord to preach the gospel." "Yes," he measures up to the qualification of a bishop.

"Surely the next general conference of his church will unanimously elect him to the bishopric."

In the congregation were seen many distinguished persons. Among them were: Prof. and Mrs. C. A. Champ, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fonville, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mr. S. M. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Washington. The collection doubled the expectation of the pastor.

Rev. Dr. M. W. Clair, pastor of Asbury M. E. Church, Washington, D. C., will preach Sunday, March 10, at 3 o'clock. His choir and congregation have been invited to be present also.

Mrs. A. J. Ware, one of the leading figures in Fairmount Heights, left last Saturday for Easley, S. C.

Mrs. James F. Armstrong, Mrs. James T. Slater and Mrs. Essie Watkins, who have been on the sick list, are rapidly improving. They are under the watchful care of Dr. Willis W. Jones, a very eminent physician.

The election of the officers and directors of the Fairmount Heights Mutual Improvement Co. took place Thursday night at the public hall. Their names will be given later.

ALEXANDRIA NEWS.

(By R. H. Brooks, 723 So. Fairfax St.)

Mr. John F. Parker, principal of Snowden public school, has returned from Lynchburg, Va., where he was sent by this city, to attend the colored Teachers School Improvement League and represent the colored of Alexandria. Mr. Parker is very much elated at the results of the convention, and has called a meeting of the teachers of the public schools at the residence of Mrs. Sarah Gray, 815 Duke street, on the evening of March 31, at which time plans will be perfected for a great mass meeting of the patrons and colored citizens, which we hope will be in the near future.

When the local branch of the League is launched here we will be told in detail the objects of the organization; though the real object is nothing more than the name implies, viz: "Colored School Improvement League."

The idea is indeed novel, and very practical, and it is hoped that Mr. Parker and his able lieutenants and "lieutenants" will have the hearty co-operation of every colored citizen in this effort toward the improvement of educational conditions in Alexandria.

Mr. Parker has been affiliated with the colored school system of Virginia but longer than any teacher in the State, and it is hardly probable that any have done more toward the advancement of the colored youth.

Many days Mr. Parker has labored all during the work of the pupils very unsatisfactory to his decidedly critical taste, he would remain in school

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with the "drones," as he termed the least diligent and studios, until eight and nine o'clock at night and put day's finishing touches on the gray matter, under the cranium of the boys, in the gleam of the candle light.

During those trying times, as the boys then saw them, he would explain that the Board of Education didn't pay him for the extra hours he kept them there, and that he could whip them and let them go home in ignorance; but he looked forward to the day when they would be men, and it was his most earnest desire that they be among the best men, morally and intellectually; and this community is unanimous in declaring that his efforts have not been in vain.

It is expected that Lawyer Edmund Hill, Fred H. Rich, Henry Buckner, Edw. P. Dixon, Jr., Lawyer T. M. Watson, J. Byron Hopkins, Jas. Lumpkins, Leon Tancil, L. Griffin Brooks, Rev. Samuel Ross, Mr. Clarence H. Madella, S. W. Madden, Robt. L. Adkins, Courtland Seaton, Chas. Preston, B. F. Watson and a number of other ex-members of Mr. Parker's "Candle Light Brigade" will co-operate with the public school teachers, other citizens and patrons in the effort to effect a great branch of the Colored School Improvement League here in Alexandria.

Rev. Henry H. Warring started an evangelistic campaign at his church (Shiloh Baptist), after finishing up a most successful series of revival meetings at Zion Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., where he assisted Rev. Howard each night during the past two months, and preached a different sermon from various subjects and texts suited to revival services each night. The conversions numbered about 200, and if the song part of the service is given the preparation equal to that which will be given the sermons, and if the songs are made equally as explicit as the sermons, the results of the meetings at Shiloh should be indeed gratifying.

The music in most of the colored churches of this city, like that in most Protestant churches of other places, is far below the standard of the pulpit, and until the "sermons in song" receives the preparation usually given the sermon from the pulpit, and are rendered in a clear, scholarly, soul-stirring and expressive manner, only meager success need be expected.

This can only be done where the singer not only has the voice, but feels and understands the text of the song. Much more attention should be given the preparation of the musical part of religious worship in this progressive age; and it is hoped that Rev. Warring will receive proper musical support and score a success at Shiloh equal to the phenomenal revival at Rev. Howard's Church, Zion Baptist, Washington, D. C.

At the public meeting of the young men's Bible Class held at Alfred Street Baptist Church, Sunday March 3, Mr. F. H. M. Murray made the principal address. Mr. Murray spoke in his usual pleasing, entertaining and instructive manner to a very appreciative audience, which filled the main auditorium. Several musical numbers were rendered by the quartette of the class.

Mr. L. M. Hershaw, of Washington, addressed the Junior League of Roberts Chapel M. E. Church Sunday, March 3. The subject selected was, "Physical, Mental and Moral Development of the Young," and afforded the speaker ample opportunity to give the children much valuable advice. This he did in a style which kept his young audience ever alert and interested, to a degree that made his effort one of inestimable value. Mrs. Maggie Darnell Evans, president of the League, and several of the cabinet of the Senior League, gave him a most earnest request to address the children again in the near future.

The Observation Party given by the Young Men's Bible Class at Odd Fellows' Hall last Friday, was a tremendous success. The proceeds will be used in buying literature such as is necessary in carrying on the work that the class is doing.

Messrs. Edward P. Dixon, Leon Tancil, Campbell Johnson, Walter Butler, Norman B. Murray and many other officers and members of the class are made up of that kind of energy that will not stand for retrogression of any organization in which they are interested, and it is expected that the Bible Class, with such able teachers as Rev. H. H. Warring, pastor Shiloh Church, and Miss Mary Vernon, of the Washington schools, will grow rapidly and "wise unto sal-

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Miss Hattie Darnell is home again after a most successful operation at Freedman's Hospital.

Mrs. Ann Shackelford is quite ill at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Holsendorf, 821 Gibson St.

Mr. Robert Burke, the confectioner, expects to go to Freedman's Hospital for an operation this week.

The Bee is on sale at David Wair's barber shop, No. 106 No. Columbus St., and Miss Julia Brown, 200 N. Payne St.

WEST WASHINGTON.

The annual male's day exercises of the Mt. Zion M. E. Sunday school will take place Sunday morning, March 10, at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

Prominent workers of the Sunday schools of the city have been invited, and the singing of the male voices by the school will be one of the main features of the exercises.

The Heliotrope Circle held their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. E. Holt, 2518 P Street Northwest. After the regular business meeting an interesting musical program and innocent games were enjoyed, concluding by a beautiful spread by the hostess, Mrs. Holt, who invited the guests into the dining room, where refreshments were served. Among the guests were Mrs. Roche, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Burch, Mr. and Mrs. D. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Smith, Mrs. Alice Harris, Mrs. Annie Boyd, Mrs. H. Morgan, Mrs. L. G. Williams, Mrs. Maggie Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. E. Holt, Miss Marie Morgan, Messrs. Wm. Cruso, J. S. Smith and Mr. Jas. L. Turner.

A sermon will be preached to District Grand Lodge of Good Samaritans Sunday evening at Mt. Zion M. E. Church, 7:30 P. M., by Rev. D. W. Hayes, D. D. Special music by the choir.

A reception will be tendered Rev. D. W. Hayes, D. D., pastor of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, 20th St. N. W., Wednesday evening, March 13, in honor of his pastorate of two years, and an interesting program has been arranged, under the auspices of a committee representing the several departments of the church. The exercises will be concluded by a presentation speech by Mrs. Marie Wheeler, with several pleasant tokens of remembrance. Mrs. Martin Lee, chairman; Miss E. P. Williams, secretary; Mr. Jas. L. Turner, master of ceremonies.

The choir of the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church will render a sacred song service Sunday afternoon at 3 P. M. at the First Baptist Church, Dumbarton Avenue N. W. Dr. Jas. Walker, director. Rev. E. E. Ricks, pastor.

The Epworth League of Mt. Zion M. E. Church, listened to a very instructive address Sunday afternoon by Mr. Wm. H. J. Beckett, teacher of physical culture of the Y. M. C. A.

The program of exercises under Miss Fannie Hayes was one of the best in the history of the League.

Death of Mrs. Estella Harris.

The funeral of Mrs. Estella Harris, the wife of Mr. Louis N. Harris, of the city postoffice, took place Wednesday afternoon from Mt. Zion M. E. Church, and was largely attended. She was a member of Silver Queens, Household of Ruth, which was present and assisted in the ceremonies. Rev. D. W. Hayes officiated. Interment, Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Subscribers will please be ready when our agent calls.

The Bee can be purchased at the Smith Drug Store, our agency, Dumbarton Avenue and 28th St. N. W.

Mr. James L. Turner is preparing a history of the residents of this section.

A testimonial in honor of Mrs. Mary Church Terrell is being planned by the women of Washington.

A banquet in recognition of the valued services of Prof. George William Cook, of Howard University, and members of the Board of Charities, is listed among coming events.

Mr. K. F. Phillips, of the Cameron, has returned from New York City.

Mu-So-Lit Club Discusses "Leaders."

The Mu-So-Lit Club had a largely attended meeting last night at Martin's Cafe, 11th and U Streets Northwest. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Garnet C. Wilkinson, of the faculty of M Street High School, who handled without gloves that much-mooted subject "Negroes as Group Leaders." Music was furnished by the Jeter trio, and a toothsome luncheon closed the exercises. Mr. Robert A. Pelham presided. Among the special guests present was Lawyer N. P. Harper, author of the drama "Tallaboo," now being played at a local theater.

Miss Villa Hughes, of Baltimore, spent last week in the city, the guest of Miss Mary E. Chaney, of 1910 11th street N. W.

Gossip has it that a number of our young lady teachers will take matrimonial vows about Easter tide.

Miss Mamie Chinn, of 2011 9th Street Northwest, is at home again, after a pleasant stay of five months in Philadelphia.

Miss Irene Parker has returned from a visit to Philadelphia, and is stopping at 2007 9th street for the present. She is considering a flattering offer to go into vaudeville.

Mme. Anna Lee Slade, the talented singer and dramatic reader, is now domiciled at 1221 Linden street Northeast.

Miss Burroughs.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 1.

The Interdenominational Conference is in session in this city. Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, of Washington, is the only colored representative present. It is one of the greatest conferences that has ever been held in this country. Miss Burroughs is being royally treated.